

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 24 to read as follows:

Further, since, not only the actual quantity of inventory (that is the subject-to-subtraction quantity of inventory), but also the tentative quantity of inventory computed based n the incoming and outgoing inventory information from the part manufacturer, are checked in [[S16]] S14, it becomes possible to check whether delivery of the parts ordered are on schedule. Accordingly, shortages can be surely prevented beforehand by increasing the next order quantity or taking other measures when it is found that the delivery quantity will be reduced due to so me troubles on the side of the part manufacturer, for example.